

T H E T O W N O F **MERRIMAC**

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Peetz then called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of November 6, 2012. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Joshua Gaedke appeared to thank the town board for helping him with his project and he passed his Eagle Board on December 2nd. Laura Olah appeared representing Citizens for Safe Water at Badger (CSWAB) and talked about the relationships with the town over the past few years and their Board felt that she should attend all of the town board meetings in the future and report to the town. She provided a report from CSWAB regarding the DNT detections and the number of wells with detections and the number of wells above the enforcement standard. She said that she added all of the isomers to locate the trends in the total DNT. There were not any private wells on the list and were source point wells. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received an email from Chris Hanson regarding NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act); a letter from Sauk County UW- Extension office to participate in the 14th Annual Earth Day. It also received a summons notifying the town that a former resident who owes personal property tax being foreclosed on. McCumber reported the matter was sent to legal counsel. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported the Sauk County board finally approved the zoning amendment allowing for chickens on residential properties with at least 1.15 acres with proper permits. He also reported tax bills are in the mail today. Peetz reported that we are finding ways to collect old TV's and electronics but most are too expensive. He still prefers people call or bring them to the town hall rather than throw them in the ditch. McCumber added electronics retailers are required to also collect them and many offer gift certificates toward new equipment. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a proposed rate increase from General Engineering for Uniform Dwelling Code Inspections for 2013-14. McCumber reported that per ordinance, the town board gets to approve and review all rate adjustments. Motion to accept by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board then considered action regarding a Certificate of Deposit with the Bank of Prairie du Sac that is up for renewal and how to reinvest it. McCumber reported the current CD will renew at .45%, so he checked with resident Joe LaCour of Edward D. Jones. LaCour had another commitment, but did find two funds, John Hancock Government Income Fund and Franklin U.S. Government Securities Fund that would meet state statutory requirements for investing money outside of traditional banks. The board would like LaCour to present information regarding these funds next month. A motion to close the CD was made by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. A motion to table discussion on reinvesting the funds until next month was made by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (please, no calls at residence except for emergencies). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.

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